



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

January 3, 2017

**The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California**

Adoption of a Resolution of the Council Expressing Appreciation for the Outstanding Public Service to Greg Schmid as Council Member

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Resolution Honoring Greg Schmid (DOCX)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO
GREG SCHMID AS COUNCIL MEMBER**

WHEREAS, former Vice Mayor Greg Schmid was first elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2008 and reelected in 2013, and served with integrity, wisdom, compassion and a commitment to thorough analysis and reasoned decision making; Greg embodies both public service and forward thinking, with four years as a Palo Alto School Board Trustee and decades of economic, social and demographic forecasting and analysis, including 30-years' association with the Institute for the Future; and

WHEREAS, Greg speaks honestly, incisively and directly to issues and seeks meaningful outcomes; demonstrates thoughtful judgment; and treats his colleagues, City employees, and the public with civility and respect; and

WHEREAS, Greg served on the Policy and Services Committee for two years, the Finance Committee for five years including as Chair, and on the CAO, City/School Liaison and Regional Housing Mandate Committees; and served the City regionally on the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Santa Clara County Water District, as well as Liaison to many City organizations; and

WHEREAS, Greg has relentlessly championed the acquisition, analysis and use of quantitative data in City policy determination, in areas such as finance, traffic analysis, land-use, nonprofits and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Greg has not only been a tireless advocate for city focus on resident Quality of Life issues such as traffic, parking, and school enrollment demand, but he has been instrumental in driving that focus to include consideration of the upstream drivers of those issues, notably the importance of the city's jobs-to-employed residents ratio, as well as the long-term growth rate of our nonresidential space, and our symbiosis with Stanford; and

WHEREAS, Greg's enthusiasm to dig deeply into city fiscal data has brought us more lucid understanding and insights into our city's long-term revenue and cost dynamics, and helped the Council make better informed decisions regarding city fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, Greg's analytical, reasoned and quantitative approach to city policy has inspired others on Council to ask similar questions and take similar approaches; and

WHEREAS, Greg has been a consistent supporter of the city's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve sustainability and address climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Greg Schmid and gratefully records both its appreciation, and the appreciation of the citizens and businesses of this community, for his meritorious service and commitment as a Palo Alto Council Member.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: JANUARY 3, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney